

(Washington, DC) – Congressman Tim Ryan made the following statement in light of a recent report by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office report that projects a deficit increase of \$230 billion by 2021 under the House Republicans' plan to repeal health care reform:

“Although the vote on health care repeal will be purely symbolic for House Republicans, the idea to move ahead despite these recent numbers is foolish.” said Congressman Ryan. **“The American people did not have a \$230 billion dollar addition to our deficit in mind when this new Congress started. Not only would this repeal blow a huge hole in the deficit, but it would increase what seniors would have to pay for prescriptions by 50 percent. It would make seniors come out of their own pockets for co-pays for preventative care when their budgets are already tight. It would allow insurance companies to deny coverage for people who have a pre-existing condition. It would discontinue health benefits for young adults under the age of 26 during a time when the career search is not as easy as it once was. This is fiscally irresponsible and will cause great pain to many of our seniors and young people.”**

Read the full report [here](#) .

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